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In New York, prices were unchanged entering the week. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply higher on the larger sizes and generally unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to very good, best where holiday promotions were in progress. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for mediums and closely balanced to tight for the larger sizes. In the Midwest, breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate while offerings in the East were short to about sufficient. Breaking stock demand was light for irregular breaking schedules. Light type hens were generally adequate for the fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were sharply higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was good to very good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were close for the larger sizes and available for mediums and smalls. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-74	69-71	LARGE	47-55	50
LARGE	65-73	67-70	MEDIUM	16-21	19
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39	SMALL	4-6	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on extra large and large, however mediums were unchanged when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to very good, best where holiday features were in progress. Supplies were closely balanced on larger sizes, while mediums were reported as available. Breaking stock offerings were short to closely balanced for normal to reduced schedules. Demand was noted as light. Spent hen supplies were generally sufficient for normal slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	73-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were closely balanced for the larger sizes and available for the lighter weights. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged to higher on mediums and sharply higher on larger sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Supplies of the larger sizes were balanced while lighter weights were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to in close balance for the light demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for the fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57.25-79	73-76
LARGE	55.25-77	71-74
MEDIUM	37.5-45	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady, mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where holiday feature activity was a factor. Supplies were balanced on larger sizes, however lighter weights were fully adequate to available for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	47-51

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices for larger sizes sharply higher, mediums unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies balanced to tight.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-79	73-75
LARGE	70-75	71-74
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

WESTERN Prices 11-12 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 3%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light but adequate for those willing to pay the higher prices.

CALIFORNIA Prices 12 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings and buyer interest light. Small benchmark price 55. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 2 for \$3.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	116
EXTRA LARGE	114
LARGE	107
MEDIUM	75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	JUMBO	249-369
EXTRA LARGE	219-239	EXTRA LARGE	229-349
LARGE	149-239	LARGE	199-299
MEDIUM	189-205	MEDIUM	159-259

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 26, 2004 will increase by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 19, 2004 were 263,470 cases which was 25 percent above the prior week and 23 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	226,592	36,878	263,470

% change from the prior week.....	+29	+5	+25

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced and mostly light due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-15	11-12	11.69
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Finished sales were seasonally active. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-14.5	10-11	11.13

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM NOV 22, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.1	14.0	6.1	12.0	54.5
	Change	-3.5	-0.1	-0.1	-5.8	-16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.3	35.5	7.0	23.6	118.6
	Change	-6.2	-0.4	-5.9	-11.1	-20%
Large	Curr Wk	58.5	99.1	45.4	103.8	392.8
	Change	-13.8	-1.7	-13.8	-24.0	-10%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.0	54.4	15.7	23.0	141.2
	Change	-3.5	-1.6	-2.5	-4.4	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	14.5	1.9	6.1	34.6
	Change	0.1	-8.5	-1.0	-1.2	-21%
Misc	Curr Wk	9.3	33.1	8.0	12.9	68.7
	Change	4.0	-7.5	-0.5	-2.3	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	7.8	35.6	19.6	36.1	127.2
	Change	-14.5	-3.2	-3.4	-12.0	-21%
Total	Curr Wk	125.1	286.2	103.7	217.5	937.6
Percent	Change	-23%	-7%	-21%	-22%	-13%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	937.6	-13%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	205.7	-12%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,143.3	-13%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
 North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
 South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
 South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
 Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2004 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
14.50								27.00								41.50							
SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	52.00	—	53.50	54.50	—	—	9.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	63.50	1.00								
GL W XL	—	69.00	64.00	65.00	55.00	—	6.00	GL W LG	—	72.75	—	—	67.00	70.25	4.00								
GL W LG	—	69.67	60.00	62.00	60.00	—	7.00	GL W MD	—	32.50	—	—	—	39.50	1.50								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	27.00	28.50	2.50																
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	19.00	21.00	2.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/15/04-11/19/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
58.75								89.00								147.75							
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	53.00	53.20	50.30	52.88	—	—	53.00	GNR W 1	—	57.40	—	—	—	64.00	21.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	63.50	1.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	1.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	67.00	57.00	66.00	3.00	GL W XL	—	69.31	—	—	75.00	71.00	12.75								
GL W XL	—	65.50	61.10	63.73	57.25	—	24.00	GL W LG	—	71.93	—	76.38	67.00	69.21	25.50								
GL W LG	—	68.16	60.50	61.67	62.56	—	33.50	GL W MD	28.92	35.67	—	—	—	38.09	12.25								
GL W MD	34.00	33.67	34.75	36.50	28.36	30.00	23.25																
GL W SM	—	—	22.25	23.50	19.00	20.83	7.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	26.36	27.11	19.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/15/04	11/08/04	11/17/03
PACIFIC COAST	855	858	96
LOS ANGELES	836	836	51

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market higher on larger sizes, and steady in the balance. Supplies are tight on heavier weights, adequate on lighter weights. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	89.63
LARGE	87.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	42.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 11/16/2004

Report Period: 10/24/2004 - 10/30/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	760	0	3,983	4,743
Arkansas	0	0	1,350	1,350
Colorado	0	0	10,818	10,818
Iowa	7,470	2,258	39,690	49,418
Minnesota	1,880	315	6,244	8,439
Missouri	0	0	5,468	5,468
Montana	0	0	1,612	1,612
New Hampshire	0	0	2,010	2,010
North Carolina	46	0	0	46
Ohio	0	0	840	840
Oregon	5,211	90	810	6,111
South Dakota	0	0	2,075	2,075
Texas	0	0	4,451	4,451
Utah	1,214	1,560	12,079	14,853
Washington	0	528	0	528
TOTAL	16,581	4,751	91,430	112,762
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	16,581	4,751	91,430	112,762